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Utah Veterans stand out of their wheelchairs and hold the edges of an American flag at a ceremony at Fort McHenry in Baltimore as part of an Honor Flight. Max Freestone, a Taylorsville resident, was part of the group trip to Washington, D.C. and the surrounding area. (Melanie Sparr/Utah Air National Guard, Honor Flight)



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Randy Freestone applied for an Honor Flight trip on behalf of his father, a Korean War veteran, in January, but he said the chances of landing a spot seemed bleak.

His father was in the hospital, ill with pneumonia, and the Honor Flight trips, which take veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifices and the sacrifices of their associates, had waiting list of more than 21,000 veterans. It was surprise to Randy Freestone and his father, Max Freestone, when they were accepted into the Sept. 13–15 Honor Flight.

“I told him we were accepted four months before the trip, and he just kept asking, ‘Is it time to go yet?’” Randy Freestone said of his father. “He was so excited.”

About 40 Utah veterans from World War II and the Korean War boarded a plane, each with a relative or friend, on Sept. 13. Randy and Max Freestone, both who reside in Taylorsville, were among this group. Both said the volunteers with Honor Flight made the ride special.

“On the plane going over, they said it was mail call, and I hadn’t heard that in years,” Max Freestone said. “So what they did is they passed out envelopes from each one of my kids and my grandkids, and it was really great.”

Besides reading letters from family and friends, the flight included a chat with the pilot, who was from the Navy, and games with the flight attendants and others on board. But perhaps one of the most memorable experiences of the trip happened just after the veterans and their companions were exiting the plane, walking through the airport.

“It’s hard to describe because it was very humbling,” Randy Freestone said. “People would be walking down the airport, and then they would just stop and clap to honor the veterans.”

That was just the beginning of the trip that Randy Freestone would come to call “life-changing.” The next two days were packed with services and sightseeing. Sen. Orrin Hatch



A picture of veteran Max Freestone with the Washington Monument. Freestone went on an Honor Flight to tour monuments in and around Washington, D.C. (Randy Freestone)

greeted the veterans at their first stop—the National World War II Memorial before the group walked over to the Korean War Veterans Memorial and viewed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Max Freestone said the Korean War Memorial was powerful because it brought back memories of his service. At 17 years old Max Freestone joined the navy in 1951 at Fort Douglas. After boot camp in San Diego, California, the teen was assigned to a hospital ship that traveled around Incheon, Korea, where he transported wounded soldiers, many to the morgue.

“It was quite the experience for an 18-year-old boy who was lost at sea away from home,” he said.

One of Max Freestone’s most vivid memories from the war was seeing Iwo Jima from the hospital boat while working around Guam, so he said he loved seeing the Marine Corps War Memorial that depicts the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima’s Mount Suribachi.

“Seeing these memorials, the vets started to open up,” Randy Freestone said. “My dad never said a whole lot growing up about his service. I learned more in two days about his time in the war than in my whole life.”

Honor Flight participants went to the Arlington Cemetery where they saw the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The tomb contains unknown soldiers from World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and is guarded year-round by sentinels who rotate out in an intricate ritual called the Changing of the Guard.

The Utah Honor Flight participants also participated in a ceremony at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, where Francis Scott Key first penned the poem, “The Star Spangled Banner,” which later became the country’s national anthem. The participants were given a flag and medals, which were shipped to their homes. Randy Freestone’s flag from Fort McHenry flies, even now, in his Taylorsville front yard.

At the conclusion of the trip, the Honor Flight group was honored in Salt Lake City in a ceremony that their families could attend.

“It is really hard to put in words—the feelings from this trip,” Randy Freestone said. “Words can’t describe it. That will be one of my most vivid memories with my dad.”

Unlike his son, Max Freestone said it was easy for him to sum up the trip.

“It was wonderful—a dream come true,” he said. ✦

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Friday, November 24, all day
Happy Day After Thanksgiving

Senior Book Club @ The Taylorsville Senior Center*

Monday, November 14 at 11:00am

Join us for a lively discussion of a variety of fiction and nonfiction books. Newcomers welcome! The book club will be led by a librarian from the Taylorsville Library.

November’s book is Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

*The Senior Book Club will meet at the Taylorsville Senior Center:
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Tuesday, November 1—Wednesday, November 30

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Day of the Dead Skull Craft

Wednesday, November 2 from 6:00pm—7:30pm

School age/Teen. Celebrate the Day of the Dead with a make and take at the library. Design your own skull and add beautiful colors to remember your loved one. No registration required.

“Who Was” Book Club

Friday, November 4 at 4:00pm

School age. Learn about people and places with books from the “Who Was” non-fiction series. We will talk about the book, learn cool facts and do other fun activities. The book for November is Who Was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart? by Yona McDonough.

Women’s Night Out

Friday, November 4 at 4:00pm

Ages 18 and up. Travel the world at your library at this special after hours event. Join us for interactive fun, make beautiful crafts and enjoy tasty snacks. Learn how to play a drum with Nels from Drum Bus. Registration is required. Registration begins Monday, October 3rd.

Take Home Craft: Poppy

Monday, November 7—Saturday, November 12

All ages. Remember our veterans. Stop by the Information Desk and pick up a craft to make at home. No registration required.

Sit and Stitch

Monday, November 7 from 10:30am – 12:00pm

Monday, November 21 from 10:30am – 12:00pm

Adults. Sit and stitch with others at the library. Share ideas and skills while making new friends. Bring along your crochet, knitting or other handiwork projects, as we gather to talk about books, crafts, and anything else on our minds. (This is not an instructor-led activity.) No registration required.

Bedtime Storytime

Monday, November 7 at 7:00pm

Families. We’ll read, sing and move in this evening storytime geared to preschoolers and their families. Pajamas, blankets and your favorite stuffed animal are encouraged. No registration required.

Color Your Cares Away

Thursday, November 10 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Adults. Are you stressed? If so, come chill with us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. If you can’t make it to the library by 6 pm, no worries. This is a drop-in event and we will be coloring until 7:00 pm. This is a time for you to decompress and let worries fade away. Materials will be provided.

Legendary Creatures Scavenger Hunt

Monday, November 14 – Saturday, November 19

All ages. How many legendary creatures do you recognize? Complete our scavenger hunt form and return to the Information Desk for a small prize. No registration required.

“Who Was” Homeschool Lunch Book Club

Wednesday, November 16 at 12:00pm

School age. Bring a sack lunch and meet other homeschool kids. Learn about people and places with books from the “Who Was” non-fiction series. We will talk about the book, share things we learned, and complete a fun activity. The book for November is Who Was Genghis Khan? by Nico Mendina.

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Firefighters compete for charity at chili cook-off

By *Tori La Rue* | tori@mycityjournals.com

Representatives from nearly 15 fire departments brought hundreds of quarts of chili to the South Towne Mall parking lot in Sandy on Sept. 24 to compete in the Fourth Annual Utah Firefighter Chili Cook-off, a fundraiser for the University of Utah Health Care’s Burn Camp.

“As far as I’m concerned, we’re all winning as soon as people buy tickets for chili,” said Jack Gray, a West Jordan resident representing the Ogden Fire Department. “We’re really here for the kids who will benefit from camp.”

At the camp, children, teen and adult burn injury survivors socialize with people in similar circumstances and learn about healing from professional nurses, physical therapists and firefighters.

About 5,000 people attended the cook-off, and together, the departments raised \$12,528 for the Burn Camp, with South Davis Fire Department raising the most at \$2,677, West Jordan coming in second at \$1,711 and Unified Fire Authority third at \$1,304. South Davis also claimed the people’s choice chili with West Jordan coming in second place and West Valley Fire Department in third.

American Fork took the plaque for the booth decorating competition with their old-West, saloon-style booth. West Jordan came in second with their booth that included a 10-foot tall fake fire-hydrant, and the Unified Fire Authority came in third place with the booth that they named the “Sultry Poultry,” which was decorated with a banner, stuffed animal chicken and hay.

“Well, it would be great to win again, but from last year to this year, you have departments who have stepped up their booth and other departments who have made changes to their chili,” Chief Marc McElreath, of the West Jordan Fire Department, said about the competition, adding that his department will make changes next year.

West Jordan won the booth decorating and people’s choice chili awards in 2015 using the recipe of Kent Warner, a firefighter and paramedic on West Jordan’s C platoon. Warner said he was “vol-un-told” to make the chili for the competition after he made a chili for his co-workers that they liked.

Warner switched up his recipe for this year’s competition by substituting smoked, pulled pork for steak and reducing the spiciness of the chili. Judges commented that they missed the spiciness, so Warner said he plans to add some heat to the West Jordan chili for the 2017 event.

Many departments bring the same chili each year. Unified Fire West Valley brings a red chili and a chili verde, and Unified Fire offers a cashew chicken chili and vegetarian cashew quinoa chili each year.

Shelby Williams, event participant who came to support her brother who works for the West Valley Fire Department, said, setting all bias aside, the West Valley’s chili verde chili was her favorite. She said thought they should have won. Overall, it was an activity that members of her family, no matter what age, could enjoy, she said.

Williams ran around the event with her niece and nephew in the parking lot and lawn area of the South Towne Mall. In addition to the chili cook-off, event-organizers set up games for kids including inflatable slides.

Rob Marriot, of Unified Fire, said he thought the event was a success because it allowed the firefighters to raise money toward the burn camp. Marriot said he and other firefighters from his department have participated in the burn camp and have seen the children learn how to cope with their injuries.

This year the state’s firefighters will give more than \$12,000 to the burn camp, but the burn camp participants will give the firefighters much more than that in terms of strength, he said.

“Let’s promote the cook-off for next year and make it bigger and better,” Marriot said. “Let’s beat what we raised this year during next year’s event.” ✦

Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation holds bond election

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Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation will have a bond election on the Nov. 8 ballot across the entire county. Called Salt Lake County Proposition A, the bond will issue \$90 million to build new parks, trails, recreational amenities and a recreation center, as well as renovate and improve existing facilities.

According to Callie Birdsall, the communications and public relations manager of Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation, the county currently has a bond for parks and recreation projects out that will expire this year. The bond that is on the ballot is a continuation of that bond.

“This bond that is coming out is to build these facilities, build some more parks, update the Jordan River with the water trail,” Birdsall said. “It’s not really a new tax. It’s a continuation.”

The proposition builds upon the reauthorized Zoo, Arts and Parks tax, which passed in November 2014 with 77 percent of the vote.

The proposed \$90 million in bonds is divided into \$59 million in proposed projects and \$31 million in proposed maintenance and improvement for parks and recreation locations that already exist.

The first listed project is \$2.7 million for Knudsen Nature Park in Holladay. The park will include a playground, open lawn, pavilions, picnic tables, fishing pond, wildlife education center, amphitheater, water mill education center, trails, covered bridges and restoring 475 feet of Big Cottonwood Creek.

West Valley City will receive a \$3 million Pioneer Crossing Park with open space, boardwalks, historical education areas, natural amphitheater, urban camping areas and a canoe launch.

The Magna Township will get a \$11.2 million for the Magna Regional Park. The park will include a multi-use sports fields, a playground with water play, outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, a paved perimeter trail, skate sports and neighborhood access points.

The Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center will receive nearly \$2.5 million in upgrades and additions. This includes replacing pool mechanical systems to save on energy costs and replacing the existing filtration system with a more efficient and environmentally friendly system. The existing outdoor diving pool will be reconfigured to include 500 additional square feet of water surface area and will be fully ADA accessible.

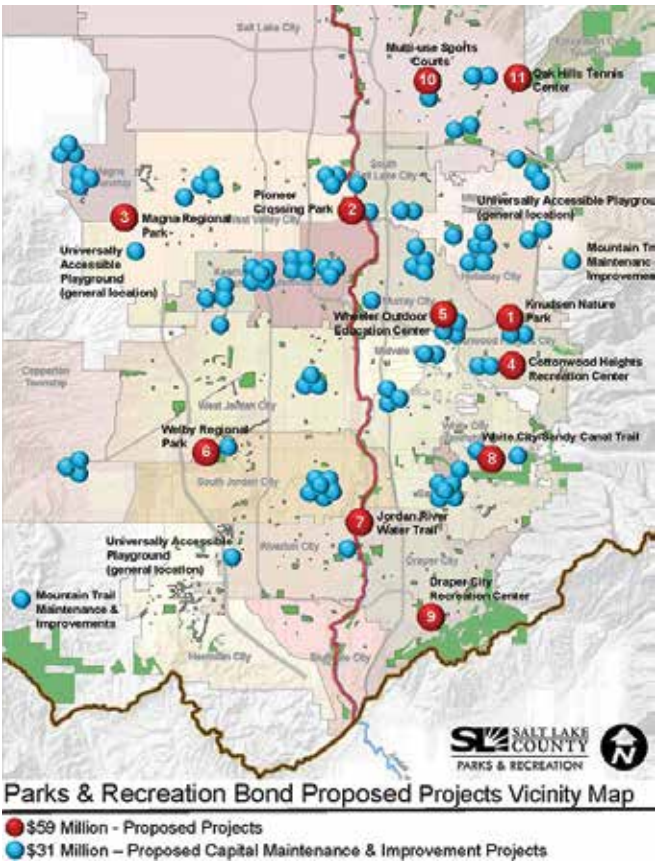
Wheeler Farm will receive a \$2.75 million outdoor education center, which will include a 150-person classroom, a greenhouse, demonstration kitchens, offices and storage. Hands-on experiences will include horticulture, agriculture, livestock, watershed science, urban forestry and volunteer opportunities.

South Jordan can expect a \$12 million Welby Regional Park if the bond passes. Phase one of park development will be located primarily on 10200 South and will encompass approximately 47 acres. The park will include lighted multipurpose sports fields, a playground picnic shelters and a walking path.

A \$2.2 million Jordan River Water Trail is also proposed and will include a series of formal boat access points at strategic locations throughout the Salt Lake County’s section of the Jordan River. A new Jordan River Water Trail will be implemented and other improvements will strive to improve the current condition along the river.

White City Township can expect a nearly \$1.7 million White City/Sandy Trail. The paved pedestrian and bike trail will follow along the abandoned canal in White City beginning at 9400 South and will run along south to the Dimple Dell Regional Park, where it will connect with the Sandy Canal Trail.

The largest project proposed bond is the nearly \$20 million recreation center in Draper. The 35,910-square-foot center will feature a competitive lap pool, a leisure pool with a water slide and amenities, child care, two dance/multi-use rooms, fitness area, trails,



Eleven new projects and several improvement projects are part of the proposed parks and recreation bond. (Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation)

open space and space for a future gymnasium. New \$25,000 multi-use sports courts are slated for Salt Lake City that will include lights and a storage facility. Each court will be made out of asphalt or concrete.

The last project listed with the bond is a \$1.75 million Oak Hills Tennis Center in Salt Lake City. Located along the fifth hole of Salt Lake City’s Bonneville Golf Course, improvements include renovations to the existing tennis facility clubhouse.

The \$31 million in maintenance and improvement projects will include the Dimple Dell Regional Park, the Equestrian Park, Mick Riley Golf Course, mountain trails, Oquirrh Park, Salt Lake County parks, Southridge Park, Sugar House Park and universally accessible playgrounds.

According to Birdsall, the proposed projects were submitted to the ZAP board for consideration. The approved projects were then sent on to the county council for their approval.

The county has held several public meetings in various cities to educate the public on proposed bond.

“We have posters and brochures in recreation centers, city halls, event centers (and) libraries,” Birdsall said.

Birdsall believes the public is responding well to the proposed projects.

“The support of parks and trails and open space is incredible every single year because of the increase in population and the urban sprawl that is happening. The need for open space is exponentially growing,” Birdsall said. “When you talk about parks and recreation, most people are pretty excited about it.”

To learn more about the proposed bond and the projects it includes, visit slco.org/parks-recreation-bond.

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Westbrook creates yearlong outdoor art display

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Scott Hampton, Westbrook Elementary School's art teacher, helped each class decorate a silhouette of a dancing figure to be displayed on the school's outer fence. (Tori La Rue/City Journals)

Westbrook Elementary School's art teacher and students worked together to bring a yearlong dance party and outdoor art display to the school's west exterior fence.

Scott Hampton, the school's art teacher, created cartoon stick-figure silhouettes in dancing poses from thin plywood, painted them white and brought them to Westbrook for decoration. Each class chose one of the figurines to design in September.

"Most of the [school's] art projects have been desk size or smaller and done on an individual basis," said Principal Karen Chatterton. "This art project required that an entire class work collaboratively to express one idea. The collaborative process enabled the children to think about art in a different way."

Kindergarten classes painted their silhouette with polka-dot sponges—each student adding six dots to the completed project. The rest of the grades created tie-dye-type figures by coloring coffee filters with washable markers, squirting them with water and letting the colors smear. The children then cut their coffee filters into triangles which they pasted on the silhouette to make a collage that Hampton sealed with decoupage glue and varnish.

When they were completed, Hampton wired the rainbow-colored figures to the fence.

"We wanted to share our art with the community," Chatterton said of the outdoor exhibit. "The kids love seeing their art displayed. They feel like it is worthy to be seen by the public, and it makes them proud."

Hampton came up with the idea for the piece he calls The Dance Party by viewing a stick-figure art piece that was mounted on scaffolding in downtown Salt Lake City more than 10 years ago. Each stick figure looked like it was falling, and Hampton said he knew at that point that he

wanted to create a similar conceptual art piece but one that was "more joyful."

Hampton had the idea but just needed an opportunity to accomplish it, he said. After teaching special education for nearly 30 years, Hampton took a job teaching art at Westbrook and James E. Moss Elementary Schools. He said he seized the chance to create the work of art that had been in his head for years.

Finding the cartoon figures, projecting the size of them, drawing them, cutting them, painting them, helping the children design them, varnishing them and hanging them took "hours upon hours," according to Hampton, but it was worth it to see the final product, he said.

"The kids would be looking at it, and they don't remember the parts they contributed because all the pieces are all thrown on there," Hampton said. "It's your ideal kind of cooperative class project."

Unfortunately, the bright-colored figures created from water-based markers faded faster from sunlight than Hampton expected.

"It breaks my heart fading to more and more pastel colors," Hampton said.

The art teacher created a similar conglomeration of silhouetted images in his own yard, except he painted the silhouettes with a uniform color in acrylic paint. These silhouettes have not yet faded, so Hampton plans to have the Westbrook student body apply coats of bright-colored paint over their silhouettes in the spring to give them a new look.

"It's a two-part project, really, that will last all year," he said.

Chatterton said the bright-colored figures will continue to intrigue those who see the school and visually display the school's culture of happiness and kindness. ✦

Taylorsville Elementary SWATs away bullying

By *Tori La Rue* | tori@mycityjournals.com

Taylorsville Elementary School's new principal and social worker seek to swat away bullying through prevention and reporting programs.

"Our biggest concern at school is about safety for the kids and bullying is a big part of that," said Principal Janice Flanagan, who began administering at Taylorsville Elementary this fall after being transferred from Copper Hills Elementary in Magna. "We want to arm them with the idea that they can stand up, and that they have power to hold up their hand to say stop."

Flanagan and Tiana McCall, a social worker who joined the school's staff in August, held two anti-bullying assemblies on Sept 15. They taught students how to stand up for themselves during instances of bullying using a research method from Utah State University called SWAT, which is an acronym for Stop, Walk And Tell.

SWAT is a reactionary bullying prevention method where a person who begins to be bullied verbally and physically tells the bully to stop by saying "stop" while putting his or her hand out in front of him in the "stop" hand signal. At this point, most of the bullies stop, according to Flanagan, but if they don't kids are encouraged to walk away and tell an adult.

"We want to help them know how to never be a victim," Flanagan said. "Research shows that when kids stand up for themselves bullies will stop and try to pick on someone else who they think will be an easier target."

Many bullying programs focus on teaching bullies that bullying is bad, but McCall said she believes the SWAT method is incredibly effective because it empowers the potential



Detective Scott Lloyd, of Unified Police Department, converses with Taylorsville Elementary Students on Oct. 7—the last day of Red Ribbon week where students pledged to say no to drugs and bullying. (Tori La Rue/City Journals)

victim by helping them believe that they shouldn't tolerate the taunting.

"We can't always stop the bad things that happen to us," McCall said. "If kids can learn how to cope it will translate into other areas of their life. They'll realize if they can stop bullying they can stop other situations, and that's a good skill to feel like they can do something about the things that happen to them."

McCall and Flanagan visited each class in October and revisited the steps of SWAT. Most students in the school can recite the steps just as they were taught but are having some difficulty putting the program into practice.

Flanagan, who's used SWAT at other schools, said there's

a learning curve, and that she expects a decrease in bullying over the course of the year even though there hasn't been an immediate change. When students are bullying or get bullied, Flanagan said it gives her and McCall a chance to reteach SWAT and helps direct a plan for future student conduct.

Taylorsville Elementary celebrated red ribbon week Oct. 3-7. The week's typical pledge was lengthened from "say no to drugs" to "say no to drugs and bullying."

"They're both something wanting to enforce strongly," McCall said. "We wanted to reinforce them over and over."

Taylorsville Elementary students participated in activities through red ribbon week that reminded them to say no to drugs and bullying. On the last day of red ribbon week Detective Scott Lloyd with Unified Police Department visited the school during lunch time to teach kids to stay away from drugs and bullying. He awarded children stickers for good behavior.

Flanagan said the school will continue to focus on anti-bullying techniques throughout the year by reviewing SWAT, posting the school-wide behavior expectations in classrooms and hallways, administering school reporting surveys, teaching life and behavioral skills in the classroom, publicizing SafeUtah—a 24/7 crisis intervention app—and responding to notes left in the school's Buddy Box—a box in the front office where students may leave messages that notify administration about depression, bully, drug abuse or other issues.

"This is a big concern in our community and every community, and we want to be proactive," Flanagan said.

For more information about bullying prevention, visit stopbullying.gov. ✦

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Latino Family Night helps engage families in education

By Travis Barton | travis@mycityjournals.com

Granite School District hosted its third annual Latino Family Night on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at Hunter High School. The evening saw various cultural performances from Latinos in Action, guest speakers and multiple booths to provide an entertaining and informational night for families.

“The intent is to increase parental engagement,” said Ben Horsley, Granite School District communications director. “We’re not going to be successful in helping these kids academically without getting parents more engaged.”

Latino Family Night brought different resources under one roof for a night where families could learn about what services are offered in their community as well as to better understand the American education system.

Booths came from Salt Lake Community College, South Valley Services, National Alliance on Mental Illness and Salt Lake County Youth Services, along with many others.

Horsley said they strive to let everyone know that schools can’t do all the education alone.

“We do need these partners to come together to get engaged in that education system and know what they can do to have an impact on a child’s life,” he said.

It’s a system that can be unfamiliar to immigrants who may feel they don’t have a place in schools. Nearly a third of all Granite School District students identify as Hispanic and that percentage is expected to rise in the coming years.

Isabel Rojas, director of systems and operation for Latinos in Action (LIA) was the MC for the night’s events. She said events like Latino Family Night are important for the Latino community, as it helps breaks down language and cultural barriers.

“The fact that the district hosts a night in their language, with materials in their language, with their music and their dances says



Granite School District hosted its third annual Latino Family Night on Oct. 6 at Hunter High School. Multiple booths were set up to go along with guest speakers as a way to provide informational resources for families. (Granite School District)

to them [they] can be involved,” Rojas said. “This is a safe place not just for my students but for me.”

Granite School District Superintendent Dr. Martin Bates gave his speech in Spanish, which Rojas said made an impact.

“It meant a lot [that] the top of the school district will speak to them in Spanish, so it’s awesome,” Rojas said.

The keynote address came from Eduardo Alba, who was born in Mexico as the fourth child of 12. Alba moved to the United States when he was 8 and went on to earn a master’s degree in

education administration. He said children can follow that same pattern, especially when they have familial support.

“Everything here is geared toward letting parents know what resources are available and then how they utilize those to the benefit of their kids,” Horsley said.

Having a night specifically for the Latino community with speakers like them, Rojas said, creates a place of safety and feeling that America is their home. It proves particularly useful for kids.

Rojas’ parents are from Bogota, Columbia. The immigrated to New York shortly before she was born. She understands growing up with your feet in two different cultures.

“It’s hard to marry the two because we feel like we have to keep our culture at home and our U.S-ness out there, and you separate the two,” she said.

LIA aims to bridge the gap by helping students to find confidence in the qualities they have like being bilingual.

“Maybe one of the biggest challenges is just perceptions that aren’t true, that are deficit based as opposed to the assets that our culture brings,” Rojas said. “[Students] are bilingual, professionals look for bilingual people.”

Lacey Aparicio, an LIA student from Kearns High School, spoke during the program about how LIA helped her find cultural family in LIA coming from a house where her mother is Caucasian and her father is Mexican. She gave her speech half in English and half in Spanish. Another student spoke about how she was able to overcome her shyness with LIA.

A sophomore from Cottonwood High School approached Rojas while being interviewed about joining LIA.

“It gives us the opportunity at LIA to help [students] see that every part of who they are is an asset,” Rojas said. ✦





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Mayor Larry Johnson

MAYOR’S MESSAGE

With many preparations of all different kinds underway for the Thanksgiving Holiday, I feel blessed to be your mayor. Whether it be our Senior Center, the Taylorsville Food Pantry that helps others, the great schools, administrators, and teachers that do so much for our students, or the tremendous amount of economic growth we see now in our city, I am frequently reminded of all that we have right here in Taylorsville. I am incredibly thankful for the Police and Firefighters that look out for all of us and keep us

safe.

Our work in the city is important, but the real strength of our community comes from you the people. We have an active, diverse and caring citizenry with community members who look out for one another. Thank you for all your efforts to keep it a beautiful community.

Thanksgiving is an opportunity to reflect on the many things in life that we often can take for granted. I encourage all of us to be mindful of those that are less fortunate. Giving to our food bank is one to show we care. As you gather with family and friends, I hope you remember to give thanks simply for the opportunity to be together again. Wishing each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

-Mayor Johnson

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COUNCIL CORNER

As a city, we are tasked with providing critical services to residents while maintaining a fiscally conservative balanced budget. Some of the services we provide include municipal justice court, road maintenance, economic development, police, animal services, and planning and zoning just to name a few. The largest revenue source for Taylorsville in providing these services is property tax.

We are pleased to report that according to the Utah Tax Payers Association's 2016 Cost of City Government, Taylorsville is ranked second lowest among the 50 largest cities in Utah. The Utah Tax Payers Association regularly reviews the budgets and tax rates of Utah's cities, coun-

ties and school districts. As stated by the Utah Tax Payers Association, "This provides a more standardized means of comparing how we as elected officials control public spending." Using an average market value of \$248,000 for a home in Taylorsville, we see that only 8.5% or slightly under \$159.00 of our total tax assessment is collected by the city.

We appreciate the recognition of being the second lowest city in property tax and fees. We also appreciate and thank you for your support of our efforts in good governance. We understand our commitment to you and will continue to make sound and responsible decisions today and for our future.



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2016-2017 Taylorsville Youth Council



2016-2017 Taylorsville Youth Council Members: Aaron Tibbitts, Abigail Philpott, Angelique Canepari, Anthony Haynes, Ariana Jones, Bryn Gale, Cole Arnold, Ethan Ford, Jared De Leon, Kenna Bradley, Lucas Carpenter, Malia Hansen, Megan Squire, Natalie Pitts, Sarah Kendall, Shelby Handy, Sydney Mendenhall. 2016-2017 Youth Ambassadors: Cole Arnold, Jared De Leon, Shelby Handy

The Taylorsville City Youth Council sure has been busy over the past couple months! My name is Abigail Philpott and I am the Historian/PIO (Public Information Officer) for the 2016-2017 Taylorsville City Youth Council. Over this last month or so, we have started our new year! The continuing members of youth council from last year have been hard at work recruiting new members for the council by posting on social media, speaking to classes in our own school as well as the junior highs in our area, and getting the word out to everyone that we possibly could! On Wednesday, October 5, 2016, we had our first youth council meeting

with all of the new members in attendance, and later that night we all attended the city council meeting where we were initiated as this year's youth city council. The youth council Chair (Shelby Handy), Vice Chair (Megan Squire), Mayor (Cole Arnold), Historian (Abigail Philpott), and Recorder (Jared De Leon) were all recognized, as well as this year's Youth Ambassadors (Shelby Handy, Cole Arnold, and Jared De Leon). We are all so excited to begin this new year and are looking forward to upcoming activities and service projects such as our Thanksgiving Boxes, Sub For Santa, and various other service projects.

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The annual Fall Leaf Collection Program will continue through November 30. During this time Taylorsville residents can pick up leaf bags (while supplies last) at:

- Taylorsville City Hall: 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.
- Kearns Library: 5350 S. 4220 W.

Leaf Bags can be dropped off at:

- South Ridge Park: 5210 S. 4015 W.
- Valley Ball Complex: 5100 S. 2700 W.
- Vista Park: 2055 W. 5000 S.

Glass Collection Sites

As we progress with offering subscription curbside glass collection, we would like to remind residents that WFWRD still partners with communities to provide glass collection sites around the valley. The nearest drop-off site for Taylorsville residents are:

Salt Lake Community College - 4386 S. Redwood Road

Taylorsville Park - 1628 West 4800 South

Cart Placements

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SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS FOR TAYLORSVILLE RESIDENTS



Traveling, even short distances, during the winter months in Utah can be stressful. Snow and Ice can cause delays and be very dangerous. Salt Lake County Public Works Operations is committed to providing safe, well-maintained roadway systems for the benefit of the public.

Our snow teams are prepared 24 hours a day in the event of a storm. Major arterial streets are the first priority to make passable and provide access to schools, hospitals, fire stations, police and other emergency services. Depending on the size of the storm, teams may need to continually plow these roads, which may delay residential road clearing. After the snow event has ended snow teams will return to residential streets to push the snow back to the curb or edge of the road. This often causes additional snow in driveways. We make every effort to clear all roads within 48 hours after the storm ends. When the temperatures dropping below 17 degrees the salt used on the road is less effective. The melt rate slows and the snow & ice may take days to completely melt. Drivers need to exercise extreme caution.

It is important for residents to understand what they can do to ensure the roads and sidewalks are safe and passable. Sidewalks and mailboxes are the responsibility of the resident to keep clear. We recommend the sidewalk be cleared after the plows have serviced the area.

Snow team members have been instructed not to clear roads with cars parked on them. Residents may call their local code enforcement or police department to assist with the removal of the cars to enable the plows access to the area. When clearing your driveways and sidewalks, the snow should not be deposited in the road.

Garbage cans should be set at the curb in the morning and removed promptly.

Snow removal team members are working 12-16 hour shifts and appreciate courteous and friendly drivers. Please use caution when you see a snow removal vehicle and remember the snow removal vehicle is harder to stop than a regular vehicle. For more information, please contact us at 385-468-6101.



City of Taylorsville Parking Reminder

- No Overnight Winter Parking (November - April) for Snow Removal 11.20.130
- No Parking for more than 24 Consecutive Hours 11.20.135
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For additional information please contact:
Toni Lenning at 801-265-1328

Help Protect Your Pet with a Microchip

by David Moss, Animal Service Director



A microchip is a tiny device, smaller than a grain of rice, which can help to reunite a lost pet with its family. When a pet is brought into our shelter, or any shelter in the valley, it is scanned to see if it has a microchip. If the scanner picks up the chip a phone call is made and the owner's name is found. The Shelter then contacts the owner to pick up their pet. Finding a microchip is not always 100% as the microchip sometimes migrates down to the shoulder or to some other uncommon place but the percentage of finding the microchip is high enough, better than 95%, that it is well worth it.

Putting a microchip on your pet does not require anesthesia and only takes a few seconds, it is just like a vaccination. The microchip is placed just under the skin on the back of the animal between their two shoulder blades. This area isn't prone to bleeding or irritation.

Prices vary depending on the chip and who is implanting it and can be as high as \$50.00. West Valley/Taylorsville Animal Shelter has found some chips that we can offer to residents at a substantial discount, \$10.00 each. The reason for this is that instead of the owner having to call in or mail in and register with the microchip company, we pre-register every chip with the Animal Shelter which saves the microchip company money and they pass the savings on to us. When a pet is found the microchip company will contact us, the Animal Shelter, and we will then give the owner's information to the shelter that has found the microchipped pet; most of the time we will be the Animal Shelter where the found pet will be turned into anyway.

In spite of all the benefits of a chip, licensing your pet and attaching the license tag to a collar is still recommended whether you have a microchip or not. It is also the law. Many times a neighbor or an officer can get information off a tag and return the pet to you without having to go through the shelter where there is a scanner.

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The items needed to complete holiday meals for those in need include:

- Potatoes (instant or fresh)
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- Jello
- Canned Fruit
- Turkey
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Monday 1PM - 3PM

Wednesday 4PM - 6PM

Saturday 10AM - 12 (noon)

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Saturday with Santa

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Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center (Dairy Store)
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Free Event - Open to the Public




Leisure Activities, Recreation & Parks Committee (LARP)

Holiday Outdoor Decor Contest




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Submit a picture or video via email to LARP@taylorsvilleut.gov

All entries must be received by Friday, December 23rd at 5PM.

There will be two award recipients selected by the Taylorsville LARP Committee!

Talorsville CERT Volunteers Participate in Flood Response Training

Did you know that flooding is the most common disaster in the United States? While flooding like that which we see in the plains and coastal areas of the United States is highly unlikely in Talorsville, we are not immune from flooding that occurs with severe weather and system interruptions (water main break, etc.). Post-flooding claims to insurance companies average near \$50,000. Timely response to reduce damage caused by these events is very important.

During the month of September, the City of Talorsville partnered with Salt Lake County Public Works Flood Control Division to offer a flood response training to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers. Before completing this training, the volunteers completed a certification process where they learn first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue operations and other skills that may be required during large scale emergencies. Flood Response for CERTs is a supplemental training for these volunteer responders who will be able to utilize the skills in the event of a flood in their area.

This training opportunity included a classroom portion where they reviewed incident response and organization, first aid and safety and the science of how and why floods occur. Afterwards, the volunteers performed a practical exercise where they learned how to fill sandbags and properly construct a barrier to direct and stop flood water.

To find out how you can get involved in volunteering in emergency response, contact the City of Talorsville at 801-963-5400.



Talorsville Bennion Heritage Remembrances

EDITH WILLIAMS PENDLETON

Continuing with more local histories written by Talorsville residents, the Talorsville Bennion Heritage Center is focusing this month on a remembrance of Edith Williams Pendleton who wrote these memories on July 24, date unknown. This memory has been edited, due to its length.

I have been asked to give any information I might have concerning the origin of Talorsville. I LOVE Talorsville. I have known many beautiful, wonderful people here who have passed on. I was born and raised in Talorsville, and my husband and I have raised our six children here.

In the year 1850, many immigrants came to Utah from England and Wales. President Brigham Young instructed these immigrants to settle west of the Jordan River. The Indians were more prevalent at that time, so a fort was built of rocks and adobe clay - called the English Fort. It covered two acres of ground. A central building was erected and used as a chapel and school. A central well was dug which produced brackish water. The soil was very alkaline. Years later, my father installed tile drains to rid the soil of so much alkaline. (He was the steward of this land)

President Brigham Young had counseled the saints to feed the Indians rather than fight them, so it was not long until the fort was abandoned as the Indians became friendly.

Henry Harker was the first person to plow the soil in what was then known as West Jordan. An L.D.S. ward was established with John Bennion as the Bishop. The first families to settle were the Bennions, Harkers, Butterfields, Cooks, Mackays and many others who came later.

In 1859, my grandfather, Thomas Williams, emigrated from Wales and settled here. He sent for his wife and children as soon as he could arrange passage for them. As they were crossing the plains, two of their little daughters became ill at Winter Quarters and died.

Thomas Williams homesteaded 160 acres from the U.S. Government. We have the original homestead certificate signed by President Ulysses S. Grant. The ruins of the English Fort were on this tract of land. Grandfather built a small adobe home of clay bricks at the present site of 4505 South and Beechwood. He planted a grove of trees and a cool, clear spring of water ran by their home.

One morning grandmother was cooking flapjacks (pancakes) and placing them on a plate near the window. She noticed that the plate never seemed to fill up. On observation, she saw a big brown hand reach through the window and grab some flapjacks. Grandmother was an energetic little lady who believed people should work for what they received, so she marched outside to demand that the big Indian should chop some wood for his breakfast. She was a fearless little lady and years later; the Indians told my father that they didn't like the 'old squaw,' but they did like the 'young squaw.' My mother was generous and also rather fearful of the Indians, so she never insisted they work for a meal or other provisions.

A few years passed and the Mormon church was being persecuted by misrepresented officials of the U.S. government. Some of the church leaders, including Pres. John Taylor were obliged to go into hiding or go to prison. President Taylor was secluded in this area for a time and thereafter it was known as Talorsville.

Following my grandfather's death, the farm was divided between father and his brother, Joseph, who built his home where the Village Inn now stands.

Father built his home where the Jensen apartments are located. He also built a home for his widowed mother that is still standing, just north of the auto parts shop; however, it has been renovated since the original.

When I was born in 1905, Talorsville Ward covered a large area extending from the Jordan River on the east to 4000 West and 39th South on the northern boundary to 5400 South. We attended church at the old chapel located on 4800 South. We rode to church in our Surrey with the 'fringe on top.' The horses were always "spirited" and kept us on the alert.

We attended Plymouth School which was recently demolished at Redwood Road and 48th South. The dirt roads were filled with deep ruts and mud during the rainy season.

As a child, I recall gathering large rocks, oxen shoes, broken dishes - remains of the old fort. Father hauled them away to make the ground more plowable. Many Indian arrowheads were also discovered.

Our large farm provided plenty of work for all of us. The site of our home and my sister Hazel's home was a large orchard with every variety of fruit that would grow in Utah. Most of the open spaces were large fields of beets, alfalfa, grain, and potatoes. We thinned, hoed, and topped beets. There was always plenty of morning glory! We shocked grain and hauled hay.

One day my father asked me to weed the garden, which I dutifully commenced to do. Later father approached me with rather a sad look, but also with a twinkle in his eye, to inform me that I had chopped out all of the tomato plants, which I had mistaken for weeds.

I wonder if people of today realize how many conveniences we enjoy. Years ago we had kerosene lamps and candles to light our homes. We sat around the large kitchen table to read and studied by lamp light. Music was always an important part of our evenings with singing, accompanied by a 'foot pump' organ, violin, mandolin, and harmonica. We learned to recognize and enjoy various types of music from the records we played on our 'hand-wind' phonograph with a big shiny horn.

One day, coming home from school, I was amazed to see cords hanging from the center of the ceiling of each room - a shade and globe attached to the end. It seemed almost miraculous that I child flip a switch on the wall and the room would burst into light.

There were no automatic furnaces with thermostats and central heating. Wood and coal were carried in to fire the stoves in every room. There was a lot of wood chopping in those days. The weekly family 'wash day' was a real chore - water packed in, heated on the big kitchen range, poured into our hand-turned washer, where we turned seemingly for hours. Then the white clothes were boiled in a large boiler for whitening. The homemade lye soap was very efficient as a cleanser.

The first car in Talorsville was owned by Jim Rupp. My sister Verna was walking home from the grocery store with her arms full of groceries when she saw this 'horseless carriage' come driving down Redwood Road.

She was so astonished, she dropped her packages and dashed to the side of the road. The traffic sounds in those days were the 'clip clop' of horses feet and the rattle of the wagons and buggies. It wasn't long until we had the buzz and roar of vehicles. The traffic became wild and wilder!

Following the death of my parents, the old farm was sold in the year 1939. Father and mother would have loved to know all you fine people who are living in what used to be the old homestead. Talorsville is a good place to live and raise a family.

(Compiler comment: Part of the Williams farm was donated in order for the Talorsville Cemetery to be created.)



Ezra Thomas and Hilda S. Peterson Williams Farm Home, a watercolor painting by June Pendleton Sorensen (daughter of Edith Williams Pendleton) in March 1980. It stood on the property where the Jensen apartments now stand on Redwood Road, south of the Talorsville Cemetery,

TAYLORSVILLE FAMILY DAY OF FUN

Thank you to everyone who participated in this climbing wall, bounce house, and food truck event!



Jessie Tsu - AISU, Mayor Larry Johnson, Tim Larrabee - AISU

Mayor Johnson visits AISU American International School of Utah in Murray

Third and Fourth-grade students at AISU American International School of Utah were treated to a government lesson from Mayor Larry Johnson. He was honored to speak to them about how the Federal, State, County, and City governments work together in addition to covering his mayoral duties and responsibilities. Students were allowed an opportunity to ask Mayor Johnson anything. Some of the students wanted to know his favorite color, favorite sports team, favorite ice-cream flavor, and favorite vegetable.





In the month of November, we celebrate Thanksgiving and especially thank the Veterans for protecting our freedom. An unknown author said, "Freedom is never free." Due to the sacrifice of many, the citizens have used that freedom to construct an infrastructure to support this great nation.

All benefit from the safe and reliable water and sewer services that are readily available. Now it is time consider all those that will need water in the future. Water conservation plays an essential part in the present and the future. The Customers of Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District are water conservation minded, and with District leadership planning for new water development, the future is bright.

As you consider implementing your personal strategy for water conservation, here are some easy habits to establish:

- Carefully and properly shut down your sprinkling system for the season making sure the stop and waste valve off with no leaks. A leak 1/32" in size, roughly the size of a pencil lead would cause a loss of 6000 gallons per month.
- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
- When shopping for a new washing machine, compare resource savings among Energy Star models. Some can save up to 20 gallons of water per load.
- Shut off the water when brushing your teeth or washing your hands.

Use only the water you need, and need only the water you use! By each doing our part, we can insure that there will be enough water for future generations to come.

For additional ideas or questions, please contact Dan McDougal, Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District at 801-968-9081.

2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

The 2016 General Election will be conducted mainly by mail throughout Salt Lake County. General Election Day is **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**. To see if you are currently registered to vote or to find out how to do so, visit www.GOT-VOTE.org. Salt Lake County will mail ballots to the home addresses of registered voters the week of October 11th and a postage-paid return envelope will be provided.

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked *no later than November 7th, the day before Election Day*. Ballots returned by mail may be tracked online to ensure that they are received by Salt Lake County Elections at www.GOT-VOTE.org.

Ballots may also be returned in person to other locations throughout the County. For a list of drop-off locations, visit www.GOT-VOTE.org. Early voting will be open at various locations throughout the County on November 2, 3, and 4

(Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays only). **Taylorsville City Hall will be an Early Voting Location on these dates between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd., Room 110).**

Visit www.GOT-VOTE.org for a list of other Early Voting locations/hours throughout the County. Vote Centers in the County will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8,

2016, for voters who need amenities provided by the electronic voting machines, have misplaced their ballot, or otherwise need to vote in person.

Taylorsville City Hall will host a Vote Center on Election Day, November 8, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For questions, please call 385-GOT-VOTE (385-468-8683) or email GOT-VOTE@slco.org.

ChamberWest Celebrates New Location with Ribbon Cutting!



Open House & Ribbon Cutting - October 4, 2016

City Officials attended an Open House and Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the official opening of the new ChamberWest offices! The new offices are in the Harmon's Building at 3540 South 4000 West, Suite# 240 in West Valley City. ChamberWest represents the business communities of West Valley City, City of Taylorsville, Kearns Township, and the Millcreek Township. Their mission is to strengthen and promote the shared interests of the business community. For more information on membership benefits and upcoming events, please visit chamberwest.com

Taylorsville Senior Center

November Events

4743 South Plymouth View Drive
Taylorsville, Utah 84123
385-468-3370

Tuesday, November 1st- Birthday Tuesday Celebration- Come and celebrate your friends with birthdays in November. Special Entertainment from 11:30-12:30 by Sherry Brennan. Lunch served at 12:00.

- Wednesday, November 2nd- Arts and Crafts with Aspen Senior Care- "Turkey Wreaths". 10:45-12:00. Suggested donation- \$2.00
- Friday, November 4th- Afternoon at the Movies at 2:00- "The Count of Monte Cristo"
- Monday, November 7th- Presentation by Clear Caption at 11:30.
- Tuesday, November 8th- Biscuits and Gravy sponsored by the Advisory Committee at 9:00 am. \$1.50
- Tuesday, November 8th- Arts and Crafts with Aspen Senior Care- "Fabric Pumpkin Craft" at 1:00
- Wednesday, November 9th- AARP Smart Driving Class from 10:30-3:30. Call the Center for more information and pricing.
- Wednesday, November 9th- Advisory Committee sponsored Ice Cream Social at 12:30.
- Thursday, November 10th- Special Veterans Day program by "The Mixed Nuts" from 11:30-12:30.
- Thursday, November 10th- Afternoon at the Movies at 2:00- "Me Before You"
- Friday, November 11th- Senior Center Closed due to Veterans Day
- Monday, November 14th- Arts and Crafts with Aspen Senior Care- "Gratitude Turkeys" from 11:00-12:00. Suggested donation- \$2.00
- Tuesday, November 15th- Special Holiday Meal- Entertainment at 11:30 by Calvin Law. Lunch served at 12:00. Please sign up so we know how many to order.
- Wednesday, November 16th- Bingo at 1:00 sponsored by Aspen Senior Care
- Thursday, November 17th- Evening at the Center sponsored by the Advisory Committee from 5:00-7:00 pm. \$6.00 per person.
- Friday, November 18th- Afternoon at the Movies at 2:00- "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles"
- Monday, November 21st- Alzheimer's Presentation- "Keeping an Aging Brain Healthy" by Dr. Kevin Duff at 11:00
- Wednesday, November 23rd- The Senior Center will be closing at 5:00 pm.
- Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th- Senior Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after.
- Wednesday, November 30th- Diabetes Education Presentation by Brittany Snyder from the Utah Department of Health from 11:15-12:00.

Volunteer of the month

Walt Woods



Walt was born in Great Falls, Montana. He came to Utah in 1989 working for Brown Distributing. One of Walt's many talents include singing and performing in the arts. He was involved with the Choral Arts Society and is also a member of the Taylorsville Harmonica Band. He enjoys vacationing with his family, and meeting new friends at the senior center.



Taylorsville Exchange Club Honors Taylorsville's Firefighter of the Year & Police Officer of the Year



Left to Right: UFA Chief Jay Ziolkowski - Exchange Club Treasurer, UPD Detective Kresdon Bennett, UFA Captain Sam Christensen, Fred Jepsen - Exchange Club President

Firefighter of the Year, Taylorsville Exchange Club, 2016

Captain Sam Christensen

Captain Christensen was hired in April of 2003, lives in Murray, and has worked out of Taylorsville, Station 117 for the past three years. Sam started as a part-time firefighter/EMT with Salt Lake County Fire Department, based out of Draper in November 1999, and later became a paramedic in 2006. He then worked in Magna for six years, and was promoted to captain in 2013. One of the many highlights of Sam's career was an opportunity to attend FDIC in Indianapolis earlier this year. He learned more during that week than he could have imagined. According to one of Captain Christensen's chief officers: Captain Christensen is very active in all aspects of training and interaction with fire personnel, both inside and outside of the agency. In addition to his daily responsibilities as a captain at one of our busiest stations. He is a great instructor as well as a great fire ground officer. Finally, not only is Captain Christensen engaged in the technical aspects of the job, but also in the true 'spirit' of the fire service. Since 2006, Sam has been a part of (and even led for seven years) the organization's Honor Guard. This is a volunteer group of firefighters who attend a variety of activities, to include BSA Court of Honors, parades, council and other civic meetings, as well as funeral and memorial details.

Police Officer of the Year, Taylorsville Exchange Club, 2016

Detective Kresdon Bennett

Detective Kresdon Bennett has been a police officer for 13 years. In that time he has held numerous assignments to include patrol, K-9 Handler and detective. During his career Detective Bennett has set himself apart with his exemplary work performance. As a member of the Taylorsville Street Crimes Unit, Kresdon has made significant seizures of illegal narcotics during the first nine (9) months of 2016. The following is a list of those seizures: 38 search warrants, 8 illegally possessed firearms, \$140,334 in drug proceeds, 88.7 pounds of methamphetamine, 2 ounces of cocaine, 9.2 pounds of heroin and numerous other controlled substances. Detective Bennett recently coordinated the seizure of approximately 68 pounds of methamphetamine which is the largest known, in state, seizure of the drug in Utah's history. In addition to his case work, Kresdon assists other detectives in their investigations and training them in investigative techniques. The Unified Police Department and the City of Taylorsville are fortunate to have such an effective and professional police officer serving the public. Detective Bennett has made the City of Taylorsville a safer place to live, work and visit!



City leaders seek to thwart unapproved residential rentals

By *Tori La Rue* | tori@mycityjournals

Talorsville City officials are looking to buckle down on code enforcement for rental properties. The city started requiring business licenses for all rental properties in 2010, but city staff expects that hundreds of units are being rented without these licenses.

“For me this is one of the No. 1 problems we have in our city, and I think it could get a whole lot worse,” Councilwoman Dama Barbour said at the Oct. 5 city council meeting—a meeting that primarily focused on the issue.

Requiring licensure allows the city to regulate rentals by incentivizing owners to keep their properties nice and encourage responsible tenants through the city’s Good Landlord Program, which lowers the \$90 license fee per unit to \$20 if the landlord meets certain requirements. But this hasn’t been effective with short-term rentals, according to Mark McGrath, city community development director.

Sites like Airbnb, which allow homeowners to list all, part or even a room of their house for rent, make it easy for homeowners to rent out their property while bypassing the license requirement. The license request is the only way the city can officially approve or deny an accessory apartment, boarding house, transient housing and short-term residential rental.

“Why in the world does the city council care about this? When you live in a suburban area, what you do on your property affects people around you,” Councilman Brad Christopherson said. “You have your rights, but your neighbors have their rights too.”

Accessory apartments, often referred to as “grandmother apartments,” are apartments that are connected to an owner-occupied residential home with a separate entry into the home.

Boarding houses are single-family homes where more than two but fewer than six rooms are rented out with a common kitchen space.

Short-term residential rentals happen when a single-family home, or part of it, is rented for 30 days or less, and transient lodging rentals occur when a room or suite of rooms are occupied for fewer than 30 consecutive days.

Sometimes people try to compensate for their own financial troubles by renting out their home through one of these methods, but their solution may cause problems for neighbors, Brad Christopherson said.

If there isn’t adequate parking because the house wasn’t built to accommodate the comings and goings of many people, streets can get clogged with roadside parking. This can block access to homes in emergency situations,

according to City Administrator John Taylor.

In these rental instances, there’s often more noise, and there’s no regulation for the owner to care for the exterior conditions of the home. These situations turn a residential home into the “neighborhood eyesore,” according to Christopherson. This depletes curb appeal and can depreciate home value of nearby homes, he added.

“The point is if you are in a cul-de-sac, you don’t expect neighbor turn house into hotel,” Christopherson said.

The city does not allow hotels in residential zoning. For similar reasoning, city officials do not allow boarding houses, transient housing and short-term residential rental in residential zones, but there were more than 40 listings on Airbnb for these types of rentals throughout the city during the Oct. 5 meeting.

“I think there is no arguing that this is probably the code enforcement area that is the hardest to enforce because it is hard to prove what is going on inside of a house,” McGrath said.

Barbour suggested the code enforcement task force take a more proactive approach to enforcing the city’s codes, but Taylor said the task force is already at capacity in a

reactionary mode. Right now they catch people who are renting contrary to code by complaint and by checking registered addresses. If the homeowner is living at an address other than the one that they own, they may be renting out the home.

Councilman Dan Armstrong suggested solving the safety and curb appeal problems inherent in short-term residential rentals by raising the penalty for violating the Good Landlord program and not having a business license “to where it hurt.”

He also suggested hiring someone to identify homeowners who are in violation of code and paying this employee by giving them a cut of the penalty fee.

The council did not come to a conclusive decision about the residential rentals but said it would speak about the issue again in the future to create adjustments.

“We don’t want to portray this as the big, bad city taking over,” Councilwoman Kristie Overson said. “But if you look at the vision, the idea is we want to have people take pride in their yards in their street and in this city.” ➦

Will voting yes on Amendment B offer more money for students?

By *Kelly Cannon* | kelly@mycityjournals.com

Parents of public school students may be interested to vote for or against Constitutional Amendment B in this year’s general election. Amendment B focuses on how the School LAND Trust funds are to be invested and distributed. Proponents for the proposed revision seek to increase funding for students in public schools throughout Utah.

The State School Fund is a permanent school fund designed to support students in Utah public schools. The trust was established at statehood in the Utah Constitution. The school community council in each school manages allocation of funds for various academic achievement initiatives. There is currently \$2.1 billion in assets in the school fund, with approximately \$46 million designated for expenditure in 2016.

“The change to the trust has to be a constitutional amendment,” said Susan Edwards, community engagement coordinator for Canyons School District.

There are three proposed changes in Amendment B.

- The first is changing annual distribution from “interest and dividends” to “earnings.”
- There are a growing number of ways the fund can increase value. Using the term “earnings” adjusts for new avenues for the fund to invest and distribute funds from such investment.
- Next, the amendment would limit distribution from the fund to 4 percent.
- There is currently no cap on spending in the Utah Constitution. Instilling an annual limit for the distribution of funds would deter schools from overspending.
- Finally, Amendment B would also shift investment from

“safely” to “prudently.”

The current terminology implies investing in a way that is devoid of risk. However, risk is inherent to any investment. The term “prudently” suggests investing in a judicial and pragmatic way.

Dawn Davies, president of the Utah PTA, supports the proposition.

“I believe this change to the distribution formula is good for Utah’s students now and for future generations,” Davies said in a press release.

While a majority of interest groups support Amendment B, the vote in the Utah Senate was not unanimous. Sen. Margaret Dayton from District 15 voted against the change.

“While this strategy could perhaps increase the fund’s annual distribution, that increase would be achieved at the expense of predictable and demonstrated long-term growth,” Dayton said.

Amendment B is one of three ballot questions this November. The other two include Amendment A — Oath of Office, and Amendment C — Property Tax Exemption.

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For more information, visit <https://vote.utah.gov/vote/menu/index>. ➦

Granite District elementary schools adopt Wonders Reading Program

By Rubina Halwani | r.halwani@mycityjournals.com

A brand-new language arts program for students in grades k–6 has arrived in the Granite School District. Wonders Reading Program is a literacy package developed by McGraw Hill. Wonders was designed to align with the current Utah Common Core Standards.

“Our Imagine It materials were adopted (in 2008) prior to the new standards being adopted. It’s clear that the alignment hasn’t been there. And (it’s) time for a change, said Granite School District Superintendent Martin Bates.

A committee of 18 GSD teachers, administrators and officials formed to review all possible reading programs approved by state educational officials. The committee recommended Wonders as the best program to meet all requirements. After the review was completed, Jared Gerdner, director of Purchasing, drafted a purchase request for approval from the GSD Board of Education.

Linda Mariotti, assistant superintendent, presented the request to the board of education in March 2016. The program was approved at a cost of \$3.7 million dollars.

“It’s a very comprehensive tool,” Mariotti said at the March meeting. The program offers



Wonders Reading offers print and digital resources. (McGraw Hill)

print and digital resources for students, teachers and parents.

“We are confident that this new instructional tool will contribute to increased student literacy as well as classroom engagement at the elementary school level,” Mariotti said.

Although the roll-out of the program is fairly new, Mariotti said she had not received any negative complaints from parents, teachers or others in the school community.

“The only negative feedback received by (teachers or principals) has been related to training and/or initial deployment of the accompanying books,” Mariotti said.

She explained the initial purchase of materials was based on the enrollment of students from the previous school year. The initial count failed to account for student growth.

“It did not help that some schools hoarded materials on the off chance of receiving more

students; we ultimately bought over \$15,000 worth of additional books to address the problem quickly,” Mariotti said. “

We had some complaints about the August training and the fact that it was conducted in a fairly lockstep fashion—intentionally so—to force exposure to all elements of the program before teachers could dabble with their own class lists and personal calendars.”

Mariotti disagreed with this assessment, mentioning several available trainings were offered in the spring and summer.

“Teachers have had access to the entire program with the exception of their own class rosters and a personal planning calendar component all summer long and should have been well prepared for the first few weeks of school,” she said. “

A vendor error did cause an issue with licenses being available for all sixth-grade teachers and our summer hires at the end of that August training day, although they were available to them before noon the following morning.”

Visit mhreadingwonders.com For more information about Reading Wonders Program. +

Let's make our kids the priority again.

A photograph of three children riding horses in an outdoor setting. A boy in a cowboy hat is on the left, a girl in a plaid shirt and jeans is in the middle, and another boy in a cowboy hat is on the right.

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Summit Senior Living

It's time to bust a myth about assisted living facilities — they are not the same as nursing homes.

"Assisted living is unique in that it is a home-like setting with daily staff and community engagement and meals with the freedom to come and go as (residents) please," Nicole Cook, Summit Senior Living community relations director, said. "People are pleased when they realize that there is a difference."

Summit Senior Living in Salt Lake City is part of Milestone Retirement Communities. Founded in 2008, Milestone owns communities in 10 states primarily in the western United States. Local communities operate their day-to-day operations in coordination with the corporate support, infrastructure and policies of Milestone. So, locals call the shots and work in direct tandem with residents and families to develop care plans specific to the individuals living at that community.

The Salt Lake community opened in May 2016, offering one of the newest, largest and most up-to-date communities west of I-15. In total, the community has 111 apartments: 75 assisted living and 36 in a memory care neighborhood called Peak Neighborhood.

"We try to preserve as much freedom and independence as possible to help maintain people's dignity," Cook said.

"We are in the business of caring."

Cook noted that one of the most attractive amenities is their open dining program, which is restaurant style and called "All Day Your Way," open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a full menu and chef specials at each meal.

Residents that are moving in now are shaping the culture and vibe of daily operations of the community, Cook said.

"That is fun to see," Cook said. "Residents feel very empowered because their opinions are taken seriously."

While the community has not reached capacity, new residents are moving in every week. Potential residents who sign on to live at Summit Senior Living can be guaranteed an introductory special rate. The staff can also assist with establishing VA benefits as well.

The community provides 44 different floor plans between studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments. Each unit varies in square footage to help cater to the style and needs of residents.

Executive Director Jim Scadlock joked that the greatest pro and con of the community is that Summit Senior Living is the furthest west of any assisted living facility in the valley. But the reality of massive expansion on the west side of the valley makes Summit one of, if not the best option, for those seeking assisted living or a memory care community

while communities continue to develop.

"This means that loved ones can age in place and not move completely across the valley," Cook said. "It helps people age in place."

Those interested in reaching Summit Senior Living can reach them at (801) 840-6400 or by inquiring at 5524 W. 6200 South, Salt Lake City. ✦



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Fit To Recover: How one man's dream changed people's lives

By Sarah Almond | almondsh@gmail.com



FTR founder Ian Acker (right), Women's Group Leader Lacey Garcia (middle) and FTR financial advisor Doug McNeil pose for a photo after accepting the SCORE award for Outstanding Community Impact in Washington, D.C. For two years in a row, FTR has been chosen from businesses across the nation as one of the most influential companies in the community. (Ian Acker/Founder of FTR)

What would it take to start the business of your dreams? Would you need a hefty bank loan or patented product? Would you need community involvement or the help of stakeholders? Perhaps you'd need an empty space or a few volunteers.

For Ian Acker, a base-heavy boombox and a motivational Facebook post was all he needed to bring to life his dream of creating a fitness program that catered to those struggling with addiction.

"I wanted purpose," Acker said. "I never felt like I had any type of purpose. I wanted to create a place that was friendly and a place where people in recovery felt welcome."

In August 2012, Acker, a recovering addict himself, took a risk: he purchased a Beats by Dr. Dre Beatbox and posted a Facebook message encouraging his friends in recovery to join him in Sugar House Park for a Saturday morning workout.

"Four people showed up," Acker said. "But during that day I saw the connection that these people had — they were smiling and they were happy. Just that little breath of fresh air propelled me to continue to keep going. So the next week there were seven people; then 10 showed up, 15 showed up, 20 showed up."

As word of this high-energy fitness hour spread, more and more people working through addiction started joining Acker in the park. Eventually Cold Creek Wellness Center, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center based out of Kaysville, caught wind of Acker's growing program and began bringing treatment patients to his workouts.

"When Cold Creek signed on, that showed me that we could really do something," Acker said.

The notable, steady growth of the Saturday morning park program signaled to Acker that there was an unmet need in the sober community: a need for physical activity, community gatherings, nutritional insights, and creative endeavors.

"After we got some play in the park, we started a run group at USARA," Acker said. "They were nice enough to let us process and then run every Monday. So we had two things going on and then we implemented a women's group at USARA as well, which made three things."

Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness, or USARA, is located in downtown Salt Lake City and has played a monumental role in getting Acker's ideas off the ground. After launching several different programs and garnering a large following at his Saturday morning Sugar House workouts, Acker decided it was time to establish a place for these programs to call home.

In January 2015, Acker opened the Fit To Recover gym at 789 W. 1390 S. in Salt Lake City.

"We started working with quite a few treatment centers and at that point we needed a building because it was getting cold and it just wasn't working outside," Acker said. "So we finally closed on a building, but it took a long time because

people didn't want to rent to people in recovery. But we found someone who was nice enough to rent to us, and we opened up, and we hit the ground running."

What started as a 5,500-square-foot empty warehouse soon became a remarkable gym and community center thanks to the help of volunteers and sponsors across the valley. Today the nonprofit Fit To Recover (FTR) gym has a 20-foot-high climbing wall, more than a dozen weight racks, and ample space for group workout sessions.

"It's been amazing to see this place grow," said Lacey Garcia, leader of the FTR Women's Group. "Just seeing people in recovery come and say 'I want to build a climbing wall,' and a climbing wall is built; or 'I want to start a writing group,' and a writing group starts; or 'I want to plant a garden,' and a garden is planted. People come with ideas and we see them all the way through."

FTR hosts more than 35 classes a week out of the gym. From strength and conditioning, to restorative yoga and nutrition workshops, to music and creative expression, and much more, each class is designed to facilitate the physical activity, nutrition, and creativity that's invaluable when achieving long-term sobriety.

"I love it here," said Robert Godwin, a treatment patient at the Odyssey House Rehabilitation Center and attendee of Saturday morning bootcamp. "If it wasn't for places like this I don't know what I would be doing. It actually ties me down and keeps me motivated to want to stay sober, to be clean, and to have a new life outside of getting high on the streets. I'm excited. I'm happy. I feel like I've actually found a home."

With 100 individual members and seven different

treatment centers signed up, FTR serves more than 300 people each week. Art studios, meeting rooms, a community garden, and a play room make FTR much more than the average fitness gym. Instead, it is a place where people in recovery can feel welcome, supported, encouraged, and motivated; it's a place where community and service go hand in hand.

"Ian really believes in people and lets them express themselves how they want," Garcia said. "And it's cool to see us get a community impact award for all we've done."

In September 2015, Acker and Garcia flew to Washington, D.C. to accept the Utah Community Impact Award from SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. FTR was selected from 1,500 businesses across Utah for their exceptional efforts in the community. Again, in September 2016, SCORE named FTR the nation's most Outstanding Community Impact Business.

"We were recognized for our outstanding community impact — that's a pretty big deal," Acker said. "I'm pretty proud of that."

With a growing member base and additional treatment centers signing on, the future for FTR is very bright. Over the next five years, Acker hopes his business will become self-sustaining, host more programs for physical and creative outlets, and serve more than 500 people per week.

Ultimately, Acker intends to franchise the gym in order to meet the needs of those in recovery in every state.

"We're thinking long term, not just here in Utah," Acker said. "Because the joy is in helping people: the more people we can help, the better we feel."

To learn more about FTR visit Fit2recover.org. ✦



Every Saturday morning bootcamp is closed out with a traditional group breakdown and inspirational words from founder Ian Acker: "What makes FTR so unique is the amazing group of people we have here," Acker said. "They give others hope." (City Journals)

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SpudToddos

This is the story of a “saucy” hardworking boy from Salt Lake. Four years ago, Todd Loertscher experienced a devastating job loss. He sat his family down two weeks before Christmas to give them the bad news. They had prayed for months that things would get better for their dad. His wife began to say, “You know when God tells you no...” Their oldest son cut her off and finished the sentence, “...it’s because He has something better for you!”

With the help of his wife, Todd came up with a restaurant concept involving potatoes. They took the only thing they had left to bargain with, their home's equity, and presented their business plan to the bank. Rejection was the response.

The family doesn't have grand aspirations for wealth or fame. The motivation was rather simple: Todd wanted to work in the industry he loves and be able to provide for his family. His wife had dedicated a country song by Montgomery Gentry to him: "If you're doing what your able, putting food there on the table, providing for the family that you love. That's something to be proud off" Todd wanted to be proud of his work. He was tired of companies outsourcing their food production and declining quality and service. That was not acceptable in his business plan and made giving up out of the question.



Future SpudToddos employees

Two sauces became frontrunners for the SpudToddos concept — the sauce Todd makes every Christmas and the sauce he makes on Thanksgiving. Everyone looks forward to Todd's cranberry citrus sauce and the Favorite Sauce is a recipe that has been in his family for years. The concept was coming together and the menu was under construction.

This time they would take their plan to a number of banks. Rejection after rejection came in. Finally, a call from Andrew Sproul at Zions Bank, and they were approved.

With the loan, they began to hunt for a location. Again, they encountered rejection after rejection. Eventually, they found a place in Jordan Landing. The lease was such that no concessions would be made for a remodel. Todd would have to do all the construction himself and his wife would need to be the designer and decorator. For six weeks they felt like they were starting a remodeling business rather than opening a restaurant.

SpudToddos has been open since June and the reviews are phenomenal. They have a 4.9 rating on Facebook and are being recognized for what Todd — the ‘Todd’ in SpudToddos — is all about — delicious food made in house for a reasonable price. The gluten-free community is delighted as well because SpudToddos offers gluten-free options for almost every menu item.

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Nine Easy Ways to Instant Gratification

In this world of instant gratification it's become harder than ever to keep overspending at bay. Sometimes we neglect to see just how much those little things can add up. I ask you though, if you saw a \$20 bill lying on the sidewalk wouldn't you bend over to pick it up? Improving your bank balance can be as easy as stopping to pick up that cash. Here are a few ideas:

Hit the Library for Family or Date Night – Not only is the Library a great place to browse books, pick up videos and borrow music, they also host a variety of events throughout the year. A quick browse of the events section at my local Salt Lake County Library revealed, Teen Laser Tag, Yoga, Adult Coloring, Toddler Playtime, book reading, as well as various holiday events.

Use Ibotta – There is a plethora of money saving apps out there. My recommendation for getting started is with the Ibotta app. Ibotta allows you to submit a picture of your receipt and get cash back on purchases from everything from groceries to department stores. They'll even pay you cash back when you shop online. Plus, for a limited time, new users get a FREE \$10 bonus just for cashing in their first rebate. More info at www.coupons4utah.com/ibotta

Brew Your Own Coffee – On your way to work and stopping in the convenience store for that quick fix? An average cup of Joe can cost as much as \$1.85 vs. the \$0.25 fresh home brewed, more if it's from a specialty shop. You may think it's worth it, but calculate that for the entire year and that could be as

much as \$300 or more in your pocket. That makes me bounce off the walls just thinking about it.

Learn to Craft – Ever hear the saying you can't buy love? Truth is little kids don't care as much about toys as they do about time. Instead of buying that expensive toy break out empty toilet paper rolls, cereal boxes, left over party supplies and create some memories instead. Visit Coupons4Utah's Pinterest page for a ton of ideas.

Use Your Crock Pot – Crock Pot cooking not only is easier on the electric bill than the oven, it's also a great way to over cook. Use the leftovers for a second dinner and lunches. Check out Utah food writer www.365daysofcrockpot.com for some amazing recipe ideas.

Ditch Brand Loyalty – Instead of sticking with the same old brand name. Shop for sales instead. Or go generic; often the same company makes these products. Blind taste tests have shown that some people can't tell the difference or prefer them. Nothing ventured, no money gained.

Skip The Shopping Cart – Running to the Grocery Store to pick up a few items. By forcing yourself to carry your purchases, you are less likely to buy things you didn't go for. Or, skip going in the store all together and order your groceries online and pick them up at the curb instead. Many stores now provide this service, including Macey's, Walmart and Smith's. I tried out Smith's Clicklist recently and found this method of shopping easy to

use and the service didn't cost me a dime. They even let you use coupons. See how it works at www.coupons4utah.com/clicklist

Buy Discounted Gift Cards – Remember, there's no rule saying you have to give the gift card away. If you're planning on making a large scale purchase, or find yourself shopping often at the same store, pre-buying the gift card at a discount is the way to go. There are many online companies where you can score these treasures; some that I have personally used include the eBay gift card store, Cardpool.com, and Raise.com. Remember, these gift cards spend just like cash, which means you can use them right along with in-store sales, coupons and online coupon codes.

Check for Cash Back on New Appliances – Did you know that Rocky Mountain Power has a bunch of cash back incentives. If you find yourself needing a new appliance, water heater, insulation and even light bulbs, make sure to visit the Watt Smart section of their website. If you're going to purchase a new appliance you might as well be armed with the knowledge of which ones qualify. Also, consider buying these items online using a cash back app. Doing so will add another 3-7% savings.

Challenge yourself to start with just a few money saving ideas and the next thing you know you'll be hooked and on the road to making saving money, instead of spending it, your instant gratification. ✦

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Home Makeover: Uninspired Edition



If researchers study my genetic make-up, they'll find a preponderance of genes that create a longing for candy and silence, and a disturbing lack of genes related to interior design and holiday decorating.

When my kids were little, my decorating style was what I called Sticky Chic or Bohemian Toddler. As they grew into teenagers, my design concepts alternated between Early Landfill and Festive Asylum. Now, my style is what I lovingly call Dust.

Before Pinterest was a thing, I'd scour magazines for ways to make my home look pleasant that didn't involve renting a bulldozer or spending \$5,000. Now I'll spend hours on Pinterest, scrolling through images of beautiful kitchens and bathrooms; then I'll purchase a new garbage can and call it good.

I'm amazed by people who can look at a room and visualize décor that belongs in Good Housekeeping because people who visit my home usually ask if I get my decorating ideas from Mad magazine. I just don't have an eye for that kind of stuff. My genes have no idea



what to do with throw pillows. How can you sit on a couch with 27 throw pillows?

Someone once said, "Design is thinking made visual." If my thinking could be made visual I'm afraid it would include a lot of blank and/or confused stares, accompanied by slow blinking.

I know a woman who used a handful of matchsticks and a pound of year-old taffy to sculpt a quaint Halloween yard display.

For Christmas, she twisted three green pipe-cleaners into a full-size holiday tree, and then adorned it with a dozen hand-knitted baby quail. She leaves a trail of glitter wherever she goes. I hate her.

To me, decorating means finding kitchen tile that camouflages spaghetti stains or changing out the family photo that is 10 years old. I have no idea how to arrange lovely accent pieces. If I'm feeling a little wild, I might invest in a scented candle.

I was recently asked to help create fun table decorations using crinkly paper strips and plastic flowers. I dumped what I thought was an appropriate amount of paperage and flowers on the table, but my centerpiece looked like a crinkly green nest that had been attacked by crows.

The woman in charge of the event walked up to my "decorated" tables and let out a gasp. She quickly rearranged four strands of the crinkly paper and suddenly the whole table transformed into a fairy wonderland with twinkly lights and butterflies. A real decorator

defies the laws of physics.

Halloween decorating is easy. I already have the cobwebs and spiders. I just sprinkle some blood on the floor and call it good. Christmas decorating is a little more difficult.

Last year, using my sparse skills, I spent the entire afternoon creating a festive holiday atmosphere in our home. My husband walked in, sipping his Diet Coke, and glanced around the room.

"I thought you were going to decorate."

I looked at my hours of work and tersely replied, "I did."

"What's that pile of crinkly paper strips doing in the middle of the room?"

There was a long pause while I considered the ramifications of manslaughter. "Don't you have something to do?"

Now that scientists can genetically modify our DNA, perhaps I can get an infusion of the interior design gene. I don't need to be Martha Stewart level, but at least something a little better than Mad magazine.

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